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AN ACCOUNT OF
THAT MOST EXCELLENT MEDICINE
THE

CORDIAL
BALM OF GILEAD,

WHICH IS PREPARED (ONLY)

BY S. SOLOMON, M. D.

Of the University and College of Physicians, and Author of the "GUIDE TO HEALTH,"

At his House, Solomon's-place, Brownlow-street, Liverpool;

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"*Is there no Balm in Gilead? Is there no Physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?*"—JER. viii. 22.

"*The Lord hath caused Medicines to grow out of the earth, and he that is wise will not abhor them; for with such doth he heal men, and take away their pains.*"—ECCL. xxxviii, 4, 7.

NERVOUS SYSTEM.

THE train of melancholy disorders which afflict the human frame, under the denomination of Nervous Diseases, are the principle sources of human misery in the privation of health. Those disorders proceed from such an infinite variety and complication of causes, as to render it impossible, if even it were always necessary, to trace them to their true source. The effects, however, are but too well known, and too severely felt amongst too great a portion of mankind; and to these effects it may without exaggeration be asserted, that any remedy superior or more celebrated for efficacy than Dr. Solomon's *Cordial Balm of Gilead*, never has been discovered. In all delicate, weakly, and relaxed constitutions, lowness of spirits, hypochondria, horrors, tremblings, weakness of sight, loss of memory, impaired vigour, tabes

consumptions, and the numberless symptoms of impaired and tottering constitutions, whether arising from a life of inactivity, intemperance, or inattention to health. Its efficacy has attained throughout the three kingdoms universal and unparalleled celebrity. By strict perseverance in its use, it chears, braces, and invigorates the whole nervous system, and gives new tone to all the vital functions, of which numberless instances can be avouched

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Youth and age of either sex, are equally the objects of this restorative, and they will uniformly participate in its salubrious qualities and effects. To the young it will afford lasting health, strength, and spirits, in place of lassitude and debility; and to the aged and infirm, it will assuredly furnish great relief and comfort, by gently and safely invigorating the system. It will not give immortality, but if it be in the power of medicine to gild the autumn of declining years, and calmly and serenely protract the close of life beyond its narrow span, this restorative is capable of effecting that grand desideratum.

Constitutions relaxed, weak or decayed, in men or women, are under the immediate influence of this restorative; and old coughs, asthmas, and consumptive habits, are soon relieved, and speedily cured.

Poverty of blood, and emaciated limbs, will, ere long, meet the happiest change: the chill watery fluid will become rich and balsamic, and the limbs be covered with flesh, firm and healthful.

To those who have revelled in the midnight cup, or madly drained nature of her richest stores, by unrestrained or licentious love, or by the horrid selfish passion of Diogenes, this restorative will render all possible assistance; and if the vital powers be not entirely destroyed, it will gradually repair the melancholy evil.

Ladies at any time of life may, by this medicine, be freed from one of the most afflicting disorders incident to the sex, and at a certain period it is most highly useful.

For weakness, deficiency of natural strength and relaxation of the vessels by too frequent indulgence of the passions, this medicine is a safe, certain, and invaluable remedy, infinitely superior to any of those extolled preparations of Gums and Balsams, which often produce feverish heat, and are always found to be momentary stimulants, rather than permanent healthful strengtheners of nature. In debility after long fevers, in all nervous disorders, and in weakness peculiar to the female sex, this celebrated Cordial is really invaluable.

Those who have long resided in hot climates, and are languid and relaxed in their whole system, may take this medicine with the happiest effects; and persons going to the East or West Indies cannot store a more important article of health and life. It has been the only means of restoring thousands afflicted with the YELLOW FEVER in America.

* Vide p. 11.

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Let it not be objected, that because this medicine appears to be prescribed for many disorders, that it can be good for none. The action of the Cordial Balm of Gilead is on the blood and juices; it strikes at the root and not at the branches, by which peculiar advantage, it effects a cure when other medicines fail.

It will no doubt be acceptable to the reader, to see accounts of some of the remarkable cases and cures which have been performed by this truly invaluable medicine, in the disorders for which it was invented; the Doctor has therefore selected *a few* cases, and inserted them that all men may be able to judge of the superior efficacy of the Cordial Balm of Gilead to any other medicine, and to shew that no person, however dangerous their situation may be, should despair, even though they should be bereft of every other hope of relief.

CASES.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Edward Fox, of Birmingham.

TO DR. SOLOMON, LIVERPOOL.

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Your very obedient servant, EDWARD FOX.

LIVERY-STREET, HARPER'S-HILL, BIRMINGHAM.

The following Gentlemen, residents of Birmingham, are witnesses to the above Cure:

James Millar, Esq.	John Robotham	Henry Hawkins
John Ellis	John Taylor, Esq.	James Ferral
Walter Archer		

From a principal Officer of a Seventy-four.

SPITHEAD, 2ND DEC. 1798.

FOR the benefit of mankind, and of my brother Officers in particular, I authorise Dr. SOLOMON, of Liverpool, to publish this my acknowledgement of the efficacy of his medicine the CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD. As I do not chuse my name to appear in print, persons desirous of knowing the truth of my

assertion may, by enquiring of Messrs. Toulmin, Navy Agents, Surry-street, Strand, London; or Mr. Alexander, Navy Agent, opposite the Navy Post-Office, Broad street, Portsmouth—learn my name and address. By an irregular life I had been excessively weakened and debilitated—a dozen bottles of the Cordial Balm of Gilead absolutely restored me to my primitive health.

N. B. The above is from a principal Officer of a Seventy-four.

Account of a wonderful recovery.

DEAR SIR, LONDON, Nov. 29, 1798.

The disorders with which a Lady of my acquaintance was afflicted, were nervous Affections and a very high inflammation of the Lungs, attended with excessive coughing, which reduced her to death's door. She told me that she had had the best medical advice she could procure, and Dr. Pitcairne among others; but to no good purpose. She continued twelve months in this disordered state; went to Bristol and found no relief; that for four months together she could not lie down in her bed without the hazard of excessive pain or suffocation, and during that period could only rest by being propped up with pillows. Being almost worn out with suffering, a friend advised her to buy a Bottle of your CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD: she purchased two half-guinea bottles, and found much relief by them, and then bought a 5*l*. box, which perfectly restored her from the debilitated state of her lungs, and nervous disorder. She also added, that many of her friends through her recommendation, had found great benefit by taking them. She informed me, that she had it in contemplation to have written to you, but as she had relations in the medical line, she did not like her name to be made public, and thereby incur their displeasure.

Mrs. Mathews and myself had an interview with the lady, who related the particulars; and either of us will with pleasure refer any respectable enquirer to the lady herself.

Wishing that your Medicine may prove productive to you by an extensive sale, and beneficial to mankind, I am, dear Sir,

Your most humble servant,
JAMES MATHEWS,
No 18, STRAND.

DR. SOLOMON, LIVERPOOL.

SIR, WINE-STREET, BRISTOL, OCT. 7, 1799.

I ordered of you, three weeks ago, six Dozen of your BALM OF GILEAD: I am sorry to inform you they are not yet arrived. It is a great disappointment, as I sold the last two bottles this evening, and the person wanted more. The sale increases rapidly; I have sold upwards of *fifteen hundred bottles*; and am happy to inform you, that several persons within my knowledge, have found great relief in nervous and Consumptive complaints, Asthmas, Shortness of Breathing, &c. &c. I trust the box will come to hand to-morrow. I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,
WILLIAM BULGIN.

To Dr. Solomon, Liverpool.

The following interesting Letter is too important to be withheld from the Public.

TO S. SOLOMON, ESQ. M. D. LIVERPOOL.

SIR, GLASGOW, 26TH JULY, 1798.

THE following cases were communicated to me by the parties of their own accord: namely,

A gentleman who had resided in the West Indies for many years, came home so

the recovery of his health; he consulted the faculty in Edinburgh; their prescriptions gave him no relief. Seeing a case similar to his own in your Guide to Health, cured by your Cordial Balm of Gilead, he was induced to make trial of it; he says that during the time of his taking the first six bottles of it, he was not sensible of any benefit; but being determined to persevere, from that time he experienced a great alteration for the better, till happily he recovered his health completely. He is now as well, as stout and hearty as ever. This gentleman's case was a continual head-ach, dullness of hearing, loss of appetite, general debility, &c. &c.

ANOTHER CASE.—A young gentleman came to me, whom I never saw before, to my knowledge, and informed me that he could not in justice to you and the public, withhold his testimony of the benefit which he derived from four bottles of your Cordial Balm of Gilead, which completely restored him to health. His complaint was, he thought, the first stage of a consumption, want of appetite, great head-ache, general debility, &c.

ONE CASE MORE AT PRESENT.—A young lady who had lost her health for some time, by the use of three or four bottles of the Cordial Balm of Gilead was restored to good health. She is now quite regular; she had been, previous to her taking the Balm of Gilead, thin, pale, meagre, and irregular; now she is as well as ever. ——It is no more than justice that you should be informed of the above.

And am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

ANGUS M'DONALD.

Jeweller, Goldsmith, and Tea-dealer, Glasgow.

Extract of a Letter from "The SUN," July 26, 1796.

TO S. SOLOMON, ESQ. M. D. LIVERPOOL.

MY DEAR SIR,

DID every one know the merits of your CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD, no one would be one moment without it. To you, most wonderful Sir, do I owe the preservation of a most tender and loving wife, who was reduced to the last stage of a Consumption. I had consulted all the physicians around, but they said it was a lost case. At length, seeing your advertisement in the Sun, I persuaded her to try some of your celebrated Cordial Balm of Gilead. She was unwilling at first to take it, saying that nothing but death would relieve her. I at length persuaded her, and she was exceedingly benefitted by the first bottle; and by taking three Half-guinea Bottles, she is, under the blessing of God, restored to her husband and a numerous young family. I hope you will advertise this cure for the good of mankind, in all the London papers, especially the Sun, where I first saw the advertisement; and believe me Sir, to be, with every sentiment of gratitude,

Your obliged humble servant,

JAMES CHARD, senior.

Oakingham, Berkshire.

The original Letter is in the possession of the Editors of The Sun.

FROM THE REV. ROWLAND PHILLIPS, B. A. Long Ashton, near Bristol, dated June 25, 1799.

"I feel it a duty incumbent on me as a Clergyman, to state, for the good of the afflicted, that I am restored from a great weakness, with a long train of horrid symptoms attendant on a Nervous Complaint of many years standing, by the use of the CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD, though many remedies prescribed by the faculty, as well as those advertised, were tried in vain. My spouse also derived great benefit therefrom; and several of the first families in the vicinity of Bristol have declared they owe the recovery of their health solely to the great efficacy of that valuable restorative. I therefore think it cannot be too generally known.

(Signed) "ROWLAND PHILLIPS, B. A."

Dr. SOLOMON'S incomparable BALM OF GILEAD, at once the most elegant and efficacious medicine ever yet discovered for nervous diseases. In weak and shattered constitutions, weakness of sight or memory, hypochondria, tremblings, horrors of the mind, sexual debility, and all other diseases arising from a relaxed state of the nervous system, and often the consequence of intemperance, debauchery, inattention to the necessary cares of health, luxury, in sedentary, inactive, or studious life, this Cordial Balm has universally established its restorative efficacy, and may be justly enumerated amongst the foremost of those happy discoveries which medical research have procured as the blessings of the human race, and greatest counteractive to human misery. Thousands at this day in the three kingdoms live to bless the day they first applied to this admirable remedy, and enjoy the blessings of health, who might otherwise have dropped into an untimely grave, the victims of early imprudence.

As the above complaints seldom come within the observation of gentlemen in the general line of practice, it is no reflection upon their knowledge or judgement to say, that very few of them have an opportunity of that experience, which is the only solid foundation of medical fame; whilst Dr. Solomon's very extensive practice and particular attention in these cases, enables him to afford that permanent relief to such unfortunate patients, as, perhaps they cannot experience under any other physicians in the kingdom. And it is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that he acknowledges the candour and liberality of those Gentlemen of the Faculty, who have so distinguishedly countenanced his claim to public approbation, as to recommend patients to his care.

AFFIDAVIT OF J. BROOM, ESQ. DOWNEND, NEAR BRISTOL.

I was long troubled with a nervous complaint, accompanied with great trembling, weakness, debility, and lowness of spirits, and when I conversed with a friend tears involuntarily gushed from my eyes. Thus I became emaciated and so reduced as not to be able to walk into my own garden, or scarcely stand on my feet. I was afflicted with a bad cough and head-ache, and being constantly in pains both of body and mind, I was rendered incapable of doing any thing. In this deplorable state I entered upon a course of your CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD, and found immediate relief; three bottles perfectly restored me to my usual state of health. It is now eighteen months ago since I was thus cruelly afflicted, and gratitude compels me to come forward in this public manner to declare that I have not had the least return since.

I am, Sir, your humble servant, J. BROOM.

Witnesses, *Downend, near Bristol, Jan.* 28, 1799.

W. Sheppard, } No. 3, Wine-street Bristol.
William Saunders, }

Sworn before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county of Gloucester, } J. C. HARFORD.

TO DR. SOLOMON, LIVERPOOL.

DEAR SIR,

I cannot refer to the time when I have taken the pen in my hand with more satisfaction than the period in which it is now occupied to acquaint you of the astonishing efficacy of your CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD, which I have used in consequence of excessive debility, occasioned by a three years' residence in the West Indies, and imputed to the heat of the atmosphere. Having embarked from that part of the world so emaciated, with but little appetite, and my strength very nearly exhausted, spiritless, and unable to get any natural sleep, I arrived in this situation at Liverpool, and applied immediately to Dr. Solomon, whose excellent advice and medicine, after persevering in it for six weeks, completely restored to me my original good state of health. I am now returning to the West Indies, in the ship Diana, Captain Coupland, where I shall exert myself, as much as possible, to

establish the Cordial Balm of Gilead, well knowing it is a medicine deserving every encomium that can be bestowed on it, and perfectly adapted to the climate.

I am, dear Sir, your obliged and obedient servant,

JOHN WATKINS.

Witnesses, Mr. SAMUEL, silversmith and draper, Old Dock,
D. ISAAC, ready-made seaman's clothes warehouse, Strand-street, Liverpool.
Liverpool, Sept. 7, 1799.

Vide, Lege, et Crede.

CASE OF

JAMES VAUGHAN, ESQ.

(THE LATE BANKER) PARK-STREET, BRISTOL,

Who has very laudably given permission to its being made public for the good of the afflicted.

HE is 61 years of age, and acknowledges with gratitude that he received infinite benefit from seven bottles of the CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD; having thereby been restored from an Asthma, Cough, violent wheezing of the Lungs, strong Hypochondriac, Lowness of Spirits, great Relaxation, Weakness of Body, Restless Nights, and uncomfortable Dreams, all which reduced him very much; he is now lusty, strong, and hearty, and enjoys better health than he has experienced for these thirty-five years.

Signed 26th June, 1799, JAMES VAUGHAN.

DEAR SIR,

I am an old man, seventy-seven years of age, and I believe should be in my grave long since, was it not for your famous medicine, the CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD. Many cures it has performed, but none I think so great as mine; I can prove on oath, if required, that it has done me the most good of any thing on earth. Sir, I know you not, and as I bought your medicine can have no interest in voluntarily sending you this letter for your satisfaction, as well as for the good of every body. Being removed into a damp room, in very cold weather, I was taken so ill that I was almost deprived of breath, thinking I should expire every minute. However, Mr. Bailey, printer, got me a bottle of the Cordial Balm of Gilead; in less than five days it broke a lump just at my stomach, as large as a goose's egg, which immediately cured me. However, I have kept taking it ever since; I shall do so as long as I live, for it revives my heart, and gives me such comfort as I cannot express. I shall, dear kind Sir, ever pray for you, and remain your very humble servant,

JEFFERY FROST.

Macclesfield, Nov. 25.

P. S. I wish you to publish my case, for the good of all people that are ill.

AS vender of the CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD, I declare, that I have always heard the greatest encomiums bestowed upon it, as a medicine in great repute, and which has given universal satisfaction. THOMAS SCHOFIELD,

Dale-street, Liverpool. Bookseller and Printer.

THE CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD, I declare that I have always heard the greatest encomiums of; it has given universal satisfaction to those who have purchased it. W. MEYLER, Grove, Bath.

A married lady, at Newcastle-under-Lyme, aged twenty-seven years, was ill upwards of three years; having had three miscarriages in less than ten months, and having taken a variety of astringent medicines without effect, being at length so weak that she was unable to walk out of the house for above two years, and reduced to a mere skeleton. In this weak and languishing condition having become

exceeding thin in body and dejected in mind, her husband applied to Dr. Solomon, of Liverpool, for the Cordial Balm of Gilead, which effectually restored her former health and strength, in about three months.

I, THOMAS GLAISTER, Farmer of Saltcoats, in the parish of Abbyholm, near Carlisle, do declare, that I was for above six months, sorely afflicted with a nervous complaint, attended with internal weakness, loss of memory, pains in my head, ears, and breast, and was so bad as to be confined to my bed for some time: I had many remedies prescribed me by the faculty, but to no purpose. Fortunately Mr. Jollie, of Carlisle, who knew my sad situation, recommended me to take the Cordial Balm of Gilead, prepared by Dr. Solomon of Liverpool; three bottles of which medicine only, I declare, has restored me to perfect health. I have taken a voyage to Liverpool, on purpose to return my hearty thanks to Dr. Solomon, for the great blessing I now enjoy of my health, through his great discovery the Cordial Balm of Gilead.

Liverpool, August 11, 1798. THOMAS GLAISTER.

Witnesses, { E. Daniel, J. Haswell, Marybone,
Henry Forshaw, Printer, Edmund-street, Liverpool.

P. S. I shall return to Carlisle per the Margaret, Capt. John Barnes, (with whom I arrived), when I mean to return Mr. Jollie thanks for his kind recommendation.

SIR,

MANY respectable characters in the neighbourhood of Kendal, have declared that your Cordial Balm of Gilead has proved to their certain knowledge, a most salutary and sovereign medicine for those complaints which it is recommended in that interesting publication of your's entitled, "A Guide to Health"; and they have found it perfectly to agree in every instance wherein it has been tried. I have therefore to request that you will have the goodness to send me another large supply per first carrier, as I have not a single bottle left, and likewise some copies of your new edition of the Guide to Health. Inclosed is a bank-note, which please to place to the credit of my account.

I am, Sir, your very obedient servant, MICHAEL BRANTHWAITE,
Paper-maker, Kendal.

Interesting Intelligence from Scarborough.

SIR,

Permit me to say that your incomparable "Cordial Balm of Gilead" is held in very high estimation in this place, not only by the respectable inhabitants but likewise by many families of the first rank and distinction who come to *Spaw*, have been pleased to sanction it with their patronage.

I have heard great encomiums from a number of invalids that have purchased it, who think it a truly balsamic, salutary and efficacious medicine, and believe it has never failed to give comfort and relief to the afflicted. We have sold the last bottle, and therefore request you will send another supply per first carrier. Inclosed is Hayes & Co's draft to our credit.

I am, Sir, for MISS BAYLEY,
(Niece and Successor to the late Mr. Schofield, Bookseller,)
Scarborough, Sept. 17, 1799. } Your humble servant,
W. A. HENDERSON.
To S. Solomon Esq. M. D. Solomon's Place, Brownlow-street, Liverpool.

The following letter is too important to be withheld from the public.

GENTLEMEN, *Colne, September* 24, 1798.

I am, from the use of a bottle of Cordial Balm of Gilead which I bought of you, restored from the greatest weakness, debility, pains in the back and head, to health; I had long been a sufferer; it was occasioned by a nervous complaint, originating

by having made too free with my constitution. Had it not been for Dr. Solomon's Balm of Gilead, I might still have laboured under that distressing and afflicting complaint. Pray send me another bottle by the carrier, and oblige yours truly, FREDERICK GARDINER.

To Messrs. R. Byrne & Co. printers, &c. Burnley, Yorkshire.

TO S. SOLOMON, ESQ. M. D. SOLOMON'S-PLACE, BROWNLOW-STREET, LIVERPOOL.

DEAR SIR, Bristol, Dec. 15, 1799.

It would be injustice to the afflicted as well as yourself, were I not to declare, that I am restored from a state of deplorable debility, weakness, and the horrid train of symptoms attendant on a nervous complaint of long standing, by the Cordial Balm of Gilead.—My complaint so emaciated me as to be almost incapable of performing the duty in which I have been engaged, (as Mate in the Trelawney, from this port to Jamaica for six voyages) at sea, or at home. But happily I can now declare, that that valuable medicine of yours has restored my health, and invigorated my constitution, which had previously been impaired by great exertion and heat of climate. I can further assure you, that my wife has taken the Cordial Balm of Gilead for a complaint in her stomach, attended with a variety of distressing and alarming symptoms of debility, with success; being now, thank God, perfectly free therefrom. Should this letter be deemed proper for publication, you certainly have my permission. I am, dear Sir, your obedient servant, SAMUEL LOVELL.

Witness, W. Pine & Son, Wine-street.

Mr. Jollie of Carlisle declares that for a long series of years during the whole course of his business, he never had so great a demand for any medicine as for the Cordial Balm of Gilead.

EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

TO S. SOLOMON, ESQ. M. D. LIVERPOOL.

SIR.

A friend of mine, in a very poor state of health, occasioned by over-studying, together with much trouble and anxiety of mind, which brought on a nervous disorder, with great depression and lowness of spirits, was induced by reading your Guide to Health (which I put into his hands) to purchase a bottle of your Cordial Balm of Gilead. After it had lain by him for some days unopened, he was taken with such a depression at the stomach and sinking of the spirits, attended with violent pain, that he was greatly apprehensive fatal consequences would ensue—he then had recourse for the first time to your Medicine—from one dose of which to his great comfort, he found immediate relief from pain, and his spirits soon became brisker—he has continued to take your medicine ever since, and declares he has found infinite relief; and as his present situation in life causes him still to persevere in his studies, and, fearing a relapse, he is determined to continue taking your valuable medicine; to the first bottle of which, with the blessing of God, he attributes the preservation of his life.

Inclosed you have a bill to be placed to my credit; and I request the favour of you to send me immediately another supply of your truly excellent Medicine and books.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

Doddington, Isle of Ely, THOMAS TOKELOVE.
17th Sept. 1799.

General Printing-Office, Chester.

TO S. SOLOMON, ESQ. M. D. LIVERPOOL.

SIR,

I feel much pleasure in having it in my power to communicate to you a most surprising cure, effected by your valuable medicine the Cordial Balm of Gilead. A young man (a mercer) of this city, about twenty-five years of age, has been afflicted from his infancy with a nervous complaint, attended with great debility, languor, want of appetite, lowness of spirits, which latterly increased so much as to render

him incapable of attending to business for the last twelve months. In this deplorable state he was advised by his physician, as the last resource, to go into the country, but he found no relief from the change. He then tried your Cordial Balm of Gilead, from the first bottle of which he found immediate relief, and six bottles more have restored him to a sound and perfect state of health. This case has occurred within my own observation, and the particulars stated from the young man's narration, who, as well as myself, will give you or any enquirer such further information as may be desired respecting this wonderful and surprising cure.

I am, Sir, your humble servant, J. FLETCHER,
Printer of the Chester Chronicle.

Extract of a letter from Mr. John Ware, of Whitehaven, to Dr. Solomon, dated the 7th March, 1799.

"Respecting the sale of the BALM OF GILEAD in this neighbourhood, for the most satisfactory reply to your enquiry I must refer you to my repeated orders for it. These may indeed be small in comparison with the demands from more populous districts; but I do assure you that I have never undertaken the sale of a medicinal article (even at half price) which has been so generally called for; and you are sensible that there is now (at the end of the fourth year) no diminution; on the contrary, it would now be more than ever inconvenient to be a single day without it. You will therefore be pleased to dispatch a fresh supply per the very first coach, that the sale may not receive a check, and my customers be disappointed."

TO S. SOLOMOM, ESQ. M. D. LIVERPOOL.

DEAR SIR, GLASGOW, 18TH FEB. 1799.

The fame of your CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD has spread like electricity or lightning in this place:—a gentleman who used it only a few days says it has renewed his youth:—In short, all who try it fairly, acknowledge the great benefit they derive from it. The best proof I can give you of its success is, that though I sell every patent medicine of repute in the kingdom, such is the beneficial effects of the Balm of Gilead, that I sell more of it than I do of all the rest, which must be the result of the benefit derived from it in a number of complaints—and every one telling another of the great effects of this truly wonderful medicine. I have the authority of the first personages and gentry in Scotland, to make use of their names in referring any one to them for information relative to its efficacy, but who do not wish to have their names in print.

I am, dear Sir, yours, &c. ANGUS M'DONALD.

A young man, about twenty years of age, writes that he had been for upwards of three years labouring under a nervous complaint with a constant depression of spirits, which almost rendered him useless in society, all the powers of his mind having become impaired, so that his spirits can scarcely sustain him, accompanied with a wandering imagination and with great loss of memory, flying pains all over the body, particularly in his forehead, extremely tremulous and feeble after a few hours exercise, his heart continually palpitating; great pain in his bowels, occasioned by wind; flushing of heat, and sometimes cold in different parts of his body.

☞ Though almost every medicine failed, the CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD was found to be the only remedy that gave him relief; and he obtained a radical cure by a little perseverance.

Mr. HARRISON, miniature-painter, No. 10, Tavistock-street, Covent-garden, London, (a native of Bath) was for years in a deplorable state of a consumption, attended with extreme weakness, which reduced him to a mere skeleton, so that for weeks together he was unable to follow his profession. His appetite was quite gone, and his digestion much impaired. Fortunately he was importuned by his friends to make use of the CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD, from a few bottles

of which he found the most wonderful benefit. The lowness of spirits left him, his appetite is returned, and his digestion perfectly recovered. This case is well known to many respectable families at Bath.

TO DR. SOLOMON, LIVERPOOL.

Ludlow, 29th March, 1798.

I, THOMAS JAMES, Farmer, of Redford, in the parish of Burford, in the county of Salop, late of Steventon, in the parish of Ludford, in the county of Hereford, have been afflicted with a scorbutic humour in my blood, which broke out in blotches all over my body, and by taking two bottles of your BALM OF GILEAD, and following the directions, I am now happy to inform the public, that I enjoy as good health as ever I did in my life.

IN justice to your excellent BALM OF GILEAD, I further acquaint you, that my wife has been afflicted with a nervous complaint in her head (stomach particularly) and in her bowels, for these several months past, which rendered her incapable of following her business. I was advised to try your Balm of Gilead, when I accordingly went to Mr. Griffiths, printer, Ludlow, and purchased two bottles, by which she found great relief, when I was happy to go and purchase two bottles more, and now, thank God, I can say she is perfectly cured.

THOS. JAMES.

Witness, Thomas Griffiths, Ludlow.

☞ ROBERT RAIKES, Esq. (founder of the Sunday Schools) of Gloucester, unites his testimony to the great success and wonderful efficacy of the CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD, in a variety of cases.

*** Want of room, and delicacy, preclude the insertion of letters of importance, to the community and to youth in particular. They may however be seen at large in the Doctor's publication, entitled, "A GUIDE TO HEALTH," a new edition of which is now just published, at one dollar, and may be had of H. D. Symonds, Paternoster-row, London; and all booksellers, with an elegant portrait of the Author.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE

BALM OF GILEAD,

AND REMARKABLE PROPERTIES,

BY PROFESSOR WILDENOW, OF BERLIN.

Vide Medical and Physical Journal;

BY DRS. BRADLEY AND WILLICH,

FOR MARCH, 1799.

"THE Balm of Mecca, or as it was called by the Antients, Balm of Gilead, is one of the most celebrated medicines which have long been, and are still employed by the physicians of the East. It has preserved its reputation from a period prior to the birth of Christ,* even to the present day, and is considered by the

* The place where it formerly grew was Gilead, in Judea, more than 1730 years before Christ, or 1000 years before the Queen of Saba came to Jerusalem; and nothing is more certain, than that the Balsam Tree had been transplanted from Abyssinia to Judea, and become an article of commerce there; and the place from which

Turks, and other Oriental nations, as one of the most efficacious and universal medical remedies.—To whatever circumstance it may be ascribed, whether from the adulterations to which it is exposed in passing through so many mercenary hands before it can arrive on our shores, or from the monopolising spirit of the Eastern despots, who carry on a profitable traffic with this highly-esteemed Balm, it is but rarely imported into Europe. It is sent from Mecca, now its native soil, to the great Princes and Sovereigns of Europe, as a scarce and valuable present from the Grand Seignior.

"THE odour of this Balm, in its original state, resembles a compound of rosemary and sage, partaking also in a slight degree of the nature of turpentine; besides which, it partially emits the flavour of lemons and mace.

"THE taste of this Balm is bitter, astringent and acrid. Among the Eastern nations it has long been a favourite and popular remedy taken internally, in cases of diseased intestines, ulcers of the lungs, liver and kidneys; and in general it is reputed an excellent diaphoretic and alexipharmic medicine. To persons who have swallowed poison, or have unfortunately been bit by serpents, scorpions, or other venomous animals, it is administered internally, as well as applied externally to the injured part. The modern Egyptians make daily use of it during the ravages of the plague, in order to prevent or repel that destructive malady. It is further believed, that the Egyptian women possess the wonderful art of rendering themselves fruitful, either by the internal use of this Balm, or by perfuming and smoking their bodies with it. The beauty of the skin is also said to be not a little improved by the use of it: and the ladies of the Seraglio anoint their bodies with it after tepid bathing.—Throughout the East the Balm of Mecca is to this day considered as a sovereign remedy against all diseases; and such is the unalterable veneration the Orientals entertain for it, that every part of this tree is in some form or other, converted to medical purposes; for besides the Balsam or Balm, its fruit is employed under the name of what we call in Europe Carpobalsamum, and the wood Stalk or Trunk, under that of Xylobalsamum.

"THE antient Oriental Physicians made use only of that Balm which spontaneously dropped from the tree, or which exuded after incision; at present, however, there are three different methods of obtaining it, each of which furnishes a distinct species of the Balm. The first mode of collecting it, is that pursued by the Antients, or by incision, which produces by far the most valuable Balm; and its consumption is chiefly confined to the principal and richest families of Mecca and Constantinople. The second mode of producing the Balm depends upon boiling the branches and leaves; this sort is perfectly pellucid, and emits an agreeable fragrance; the Turkish ladies apply it externally to beautify their skin, and make the hair grow; this is the kind which the Grand Seignior sometimes sends as a present to other Princes, and which is occasionally vended in the shops, as a rare and costly article. The last, and a very inferior species of the Balm, is obtained by a repeated and stronger decoction of the leaves and branches; in this state it becomes much thicker but less fragrant, and is transported to Europe by the caravans, under the different names of Balm of Mecca, Gilead, Judea, or Opobalsamum, signifying the juice of the tree. This kind is not much valued in the East, and is used only by the lower classes of people.

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which it originally was brought, through length of time, combined with other reasons, came to be forgotten. This is however contrary to the authority of Josephus, the Jewish historian, who says, that a tree of this Balm was brought to Jerusalem by the Queen of Saba, and given among other presents to Solomon, who, as we know from Scripture, was very studious of all sorts of plants, and skilful in the description and distinction of them. Here it seems to have been cultivated and to have thriven so, that the place of its origin came to be forgotten.

When Sultan Selim made the conquest of Egypt and Arabia, in 1516, three pounds was then the tribute ordered to be sent to Constantinople yearly; and this proportion is kept up to this day.—One pound is due to the Governor of Cairo, one pound to the Emir Hadie, who conducts the pilgrims to Mecca; half a pound to the Bashaw of Damascus, and several smaller quantities to other officers; after which the remainder is sold or farmed out to some merchants.—Bruce's Travels, vol. 5.

" IT appears from the most authentic antient writings, that the Balm of Gilead was an important article of commerce several centuries before the Christian era.—Bruce, the Abyssinian traveller, has pointed out the native soil of this Balm, being the same as that of the Myrtle, behind Azab, along the coast of Arabia, and extending to the straits of Babelmandel. Antiently it was believed that Egypt, Palestine, and Arabia produced this Balsamic Tree; but, however that might be in former times, it is certain that now it is only cultivated artificially in those countries, that it does not thrive so well there as other indigenous plants, and that the inhabitants are obliged to import annually a fresh stock of young trees, to supply the places of the decayed ones.

" ANTIENT writers have related many marvellous things as connected with the history of this tree. Some asserted that vipers were continually breeding under its shade; according to others, it possessed such a degree of antipathy to iron, that it sensibly trembled, on the smallest particle of iron entering into contact with it; and that on this account, any incisions made in its rind must be performed with ivory, glass, or some other hard substance. Mr. Bruce, however, was an eye witness to this incision being made with an axe, without any trembling on the part of the tree; and it is also probable that similar operations have been always made with the same instrument. Other writers have maintained, that persons who anoint their bodies with this Balm, have a peculiar claim to never-fading beauty, and to perpetual youth."

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S. SOLOMON.

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